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Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently amended) A laminate article comprising (A) at least two layers of soft plasticized polyvinylbutyral (PVB) interlayer sheet having a  $T_g$  in the range of from about 32°C to about 35°C, and (B) ~~further comprising at least one layer of a stiff PVB polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet, wherein the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet: (i) has a  $T_g$  of from about 35°C to about 60°C; (ii) is positioned between at least the two layers of soft PVB polyvinylbutyral sheet; and, (iii) comprises a bleaching compound in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 0.85 pph, based on the weight of polyvinyl alcohol used in the preparation of the polyvinylbutyral used to prepare the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet.~~
2. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 1 wherein the stiff ~~PVB polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet~~ includes plasticizer in an amount of from about 5 pph to less than about 30 pph and the bleaching compound is present in an amount of from about 0.05 to about 0.80 pph.
3. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 2 wherein the plasticizer is present in the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet in an amount of from about 15 pph to less than about 30 pph.
4. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 3 wherein the plasticizer is present in the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet in an amount of from about 18 to about 25 pph.
5. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 4 wherein the plasticizer is present in the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet in an amount of from about 18 to about 22 pph.
6. (Original) The article of Claim 2 wherein the plasticizer is a plasticizer or a mixture of plasticizers selected from the group consisting of: diesters obtained from the chemical reaction of aliphatic diols with carboxylic acids, including diesters of polyether diols or polyether polyols; and, esters obtained from polyvalent carboxylic acids and aliphatic alcohols.
7. (Original) The article of Claim 6 wherein the plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of: diesters obtained by the reaction of triethylene glycol with aliphatic carboxylic acids having from 6 to 10 carbon atoms; and esters obtained from the reaction of sebacic acid with aliphatic alcohols having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms.
8. (Original) The article of Claim 7 wherein the plasticizer is triethylene glycol 2-ethylhexanoate.
9. (Original) The article of Claim 7 wherein the plasticizer is dibutyl sebacate.
10. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~6~~ wherein ~~the stiff PVB polyvinylbutyral comprises a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, including: sodium lauryl sulfate, ammonium lauryl sulfate, sodium sulfosuccinate, ammonium perfluorocarboxylates having from 6 to 12 carbons, sodium aryl sulfonates, adducts of chlorinated cyclopentadiene and maleic anhydride, partially neutralized~~

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~~polymethacrylic acid, alkylaryl sulfonates, sodium dialkylaryl polyether sulfonate, triethanolamino lauryl sulfate, diethyl cyclohexyl ammonium lauryl sulfate, sodium dialkyl sulfonates, sulfated fatty acid esters, sulfated aryl alcohols, sodium dialkylsulfosuccinates, and the like~~ 1 wherein the bleaching compound is present in an amount of from about 0.10 to about 0.75 pph.

11. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~10~~ wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of: sodium sulfosuccinate; and sodium dialkylsulfosuccinates 2 wherein the bleaching compound is present in an amount of from about 0.15 to about 0.70 pph.

12. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 11 wherein the surfactant bleaching compound is a sodium dialkylsulfosuccinates.

13. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 12 wherein the surfactant bleaching compound is sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate (DOSS).

14. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~13~~ 1 wherein the bleaching compound is selected from the group consisting of: sodium dialkylsulfosuccinates dialkyl sulfosuccinates; sodium sulfosuccinates; organic bisulfites; and inorganic bisulfites; and the like.

15. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein the bleaching compound is a sodium dialkylsulfosuccinate dialkyl sulfosuccinate.

16. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~15~~ 1 wherein the bleaching compound is sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate dioctyl sulfosuccinate.

17. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 16 wherein the PVB stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet comprises an antioxidant.

18. (Currently amended) The article of Claim 17 wherein the antioxidant is a ~~substituted diphenolic compound~~ (1) the article comprises two layers of glass laminated to an interlayer; (2) the interlayer consists essentially of the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet positioned between the two layers of soft polyvinylbutyral sheet; (3) the stiff polyvinylbutyral sheet comprises from about 22% to about 70% of the total interlayer thickness and has a thickness in the range of from about 0.50 mm to about 4 mm; and (4) the bleaching compound is selected from the group consisting of: sodium dialkyl sulfosuccinates; and organic bisulfites; inorganic bisulfites.

19. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~18~~ 1 wherein the stiff PVB polyvinylbutyral sheet has a thickness in the range of from about 0.1 0.25 mm to about 0.75 10 mm.

20. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~19~~ 2 wherein the stiff PVB polyvinylbutyral sheet has a thickness in the range of from about 0.15 0.50 mm to about 0.72 4 mm.

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21. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~10~~ 20 wherein the stiff PVB ~~polyvinylbutyral~~ sheet has a thickness in the range of from about 0.20 mm to about 0.70 mm (1) the plasticizer is present in the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet in an amount of from about 15 pph to less than about 30 pph, (2) the two layers of soft plasticized polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet each comprise plasticizer in an amount from about 30 to about 45 pph, based upon the total dry weight of the unplasticized polyvinylbutyral, (3) the stiff polyvinylbutyral interlayer sheet has a YTD of less than about 10 and is prepared by extrusion at a temperature of 227°C to about 245°C, and (4) the bleaching compound is selected from the group consisting of: sodium dialkyl sulfosuccinates; organic bisulfites; and inorganic bisulfites.
22. (Currently amended) The article of Claim ~~21~~ 14 wherein the stiff PVB ~~polyvinylbutyral~~ interlayer sheet has a thickness in the range of from about 0.25 mm to about 0.68 mm.